GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:137
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COAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether several coal projects targeted to boost the production of coal are running behind the schedule and are incurring the cost and time overruns;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the coal projects running behind the schedule in each company;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to save the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir. It is true that some of the coal projects are running behind the schedule and are incurring cost over-run.

(b) A list of coal projects running behind the schedule in each coal company is at Annexure. The reasons for time and cost over-run in various coal projects are as follows:-

- Delay in acquisition of land specially forest land, rehabilitation problems as well as law and order problems.
- Adverse geo-mining conditions including safety consideration of fire, water etc.
- Failure of turn-key contractor and equipment suppliers.
- Delay in obtaining forestry clearance.
- Fund constraints.
- Escalation due to time over-run, addition, variation of exchange rate, change of scope etc.

(c) & (d) Steps taken by the Government for expeditious implementation of coal projects, inter alia, include:-

i) Coal companies have been directed to monitor implementation of coal projects regularly and rigorously. In the coal companies a three-tier structure for monitoring the projects i.e. at colliery level, area level and headquarter level is in existence.
ii) Projects costing Rs.20 crores and above are being monitored bythe Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India based on inputs of coal companies on quarterly basis.
iii) Implementation of coal projects is periodically subjected to review by the Cabinet Secretariat and by Prime Minister's Office.
iv) Review of major coal projects i.e. projects costing Rs.100 crores and above is conducted on quarterly basis by an Inter- Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary (Coal) and having members from Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure, Ministryof Statistics and Programme Implementation and Ministry of Environment & Forests.
v) Major coal projects are also monitored in the Ministry of Coal at the level of Adviser (Projects) and Additional Secretary (Coal). Coal Projects are also reviewed at site during visits of senior officers from the Ministry of Coal to the coal companies.
vi) Based on the results of the above reviews, appropriate directions are sent by the Government (Ministry of Coal) to the coal companies for taking timely remedial action to overcome the shortcomings.
vii) Timely availability of land and forestry clearance, wherever required, being crucial for successful implementation of coal projects, constant interaction is made by the Ministry of Coal with Ministry of Environment and Forests as also with the State Government authorities for expediting the same.

Annexure referred to in the Statement laid in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.137 for 1.8.2000

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF ONGOING PROJECTS (COSTING Rs.20 crs. AND ABOVE) RUNNING BEHIND THE SCHEDULE (AS ON 30.6.2000

S.No.	Company	Project	Type	Date of Sanction	Capacity (MTY.)	Sanction Capital (Rs.crs.)	Date of Completion PR SCH.	ANTICIPATED

A Coal India Limited

1	BCCL	Pootkee Balihari	UG	Dec.83	3.00	199.87	Mar.94	Mar.2001
2	CCL	Parej East	OC	Mar.93	1.75	116.19	Mar.98	Mar.2001
3	CCL	Saunda D	OC	Sep.91	0.80	48.96	Mar.99	Mar.2001
4	CCL	Saunda D	UG	Mar.91	0.63	47.94	Mar.98	Mar.2001
5	CCL	Ray-Bachra	UG	Mar.91	0.60	30.19	Mar.97	Mar.2001
6	CCL	Sangam Expn.	OC	Feb.95	0.50	32.66	Mar.98	Mar.2001
7	CCL	Bokaro Bermo Seam	OC	May.95	0.80	46.78	Mar.2000	Mar.2002
8	CCL	Parej East (Non-Strtr)	UG	Sep.92	0.30	28.42	Mar.99	Mar.2005
9	CCL	Phusro-Jerandih Rly. Line Diversion		March, 91	48.78		June,97	Dec.2000
10	SECL	Behraband	UG	Jun.94	0.60	48.39	Mar.98	Mar.2000
11	SECL	Churcha West PSLW	UG	Dec.94	0.65	48.61	Mar.99	Mar.2001
12	SECL	Mahan	OC	Jun.96	0.36	41.95	Mar.2000	Mar.2001
13	ECL	Jhanjra Ph.I	UG	August 95	2.00	403.96	Mar.98	Mar.2002
14	ECL	Satgram	UG	Sept.90	1.20	148.26	Mar.95	Mar.2002
15	ECL	Kalidaspur	UG	Nov.95	0.54	74.05	Mar.98	Mar.2004
16	ECL	Sarpi	UG	Sept.87	0.90	53.05	Mar.95	Mar.2005
17	ECL	Kottadih	(UG+OC)	Jun.89	2.48	267.52	Mar.98	Mar.2003
18	ECL	Jambad	OC	April 97	0.80	136.88	Mar.98	Mar.2004
19	ECL	J.K. Nagar	UG	Feb.91	0.87	95.28	Mar.93	Mar.2001
20	NCL	Dudhichua Expn.	OC	Aug.92	10.00	868.93	Mar.98	Mar.2004
21	WCL	Sasti RO	UG	Apr.93	0.36	38.25	Mar.98	Mar.2001

B SINGERENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LTD. (SCCL)

22.	SCCL	KTK-8 Incline.	Feb.95	0.27	34.51	Mar.2002	Mar.2006
23.	SCCL	KTK-3 Incline	Aug..9	0.30	37.50	Mar.2003	Mar.2004

C NEYVELI LIGNITE CORPORATION (NLC)

24.	NLC	Expn. Of Mine-I	Mar.97	6.5 to 10.5	1602.94	May.99	Nov.2002
25.	NLC	TPS-I Expn.	May.97	420	1520.99	Aug.2000 (Unit.I) Nov.2001	Feb.2001 (Unit.2) May.2002
26.	NLC	Mine-1 A	Feb.98	3.00	1063.18	Feb,2001	July,2001